Hospitality courses

†2985. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has received a proposal from Madhya Pradesh to introduce a three-year diploma course in management, travel and tourism, respectively in polytechnic colleges of the State for starting a diploma syllabus in hospitality sector;

(b) if so, since when the proposal has been received and the action being taken thereon by the Central Government; and

(c) the time by when approval to this endeavour of development of tourism in Madhya Pradesh would be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Tourism had received, in June, 2009, four proposals from the Government of Madhya Pradesh seeking Central financial assistance for four polytechnic institutes for starting three year diploma courses as indicated against each:—

I. Government Women's Polytechnic College, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh – Travel and Tourism

II. Jija Bai Government Polytechnic College, Burhanpur – Travel and Tourism

III. Indore Women's Polytechnic College, Indore – Hotel Management and Catering Technology

IV. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Polytechnic College, Gwalior – Hotel Management and Catering Technology

The Ministry of Tourism have cleared these proposals in-principle.

Tourism projects in Tirupati, etc.

2986. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken during the last five years for the tourism projects in Tirupati, Hyderabad and Ajmer;

(b) the funds allocated and spent during the last five years, year-wise; and

(c) the plan prepared for the current Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) Projects for development and promotion of tourism are primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Ministry of Tourism, however, provides financial assistance for the tourism projects based on proposals received from them subject to availability of funds and *inter-se* priority.

The details of projects and amounts sanctioned for Tirupati, Hyderabad and Ajmer during the last five years are given in the Statement.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Details of projects sanctioned by Ministry of Tourism during the last five years for Hyderabad, Tirupati and Ajmer

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Year	City	Projects	Sanctioned Amount
1.	2004-05	Hyderabad	Taramati Baradari Cultural Complex-Feasibility report	5.00
2.	-do-		Integrated Development of tourism circuit Hyderabad-Nalgonda-Khammam	797.47
3.	-do-		Setting up of Taramati Baradari Cultural Complex	62.50
4.	2005-06		Destination Development of Night Bazaar, Shilparamam	500.00
5.	-do-		Celebration of Hyderabad Carnival and Kalinga festival	20.00
6.	2006-07		Development of Golconda Qutub Shahi Tomb-Hakimpet-Shaiokpet Sarai-K.B. Museum-Premavathi Mosque circuit	500.00
7.	2007-08		Development of Charminar Area	994.75
8.	2008-09	Tirupati	Development of Heritage Circuit at Tirupati as a mega circuit	4652.49
9.	2007-08	Ajmer	Development of floodlighting of monuments in Rajasthan including Ajmer	800.00
10.	2008-09		Development of Ajmer-Pushkar as mega project	1069.68

Crunch in tourism sector

2987. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tourism sector in the country is at present facing serious crunch;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the major steps Government has taken to boost this sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED): (a) and (b) The estimated number of foreign tourist arrivals (FTAs) in India during January-June,